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WEIGHTING ODDS TO SPECIFIC GAMING ENTITIES IN A SHARED

BONUS EVENT

Examiner: A. Kim

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The statement of reasons for allowance appears to paraphrase claim 91 of the instant application. Entry of the statement into the record should not be construed as any general agreement with or acquiescence in the same. The claims are limited only by the limitations actually recited, and should not be construed as being limited in any manner by the paraphrasing of the statement. Moreover, applicants' comments in regard to the patentability of the claims may be found, for example, in the Amendment of September 8, 2006. If this raises an issue, the Office is respectfully requested to take such actions as it believes are necessary to correct the situation, such as issuing a Supplemental Notice of Allowability or withdrawing the Notice of Allowance altogether.

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